RULES AND ORDERS,

AGREE'D BY A

SELECT COMPANY OF PERSONS,

UNDER THE DENOMINATION OF A

FRIENDLY SOCIETY,

Commenced the EIGHTH *Day of JULY*, 1751,

Held at the DWELLING-HOUSE of JOHN FARRAND, at the Sign of the COOPERS' ARMS, in the Pariſh of *PUTNEY*, in the County of SURREY.

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IMPRIMIS.

THAT the ſaid ſociety ſhall have four members to ſerve as ſtewards, quarterly, to take care, that the Articles, hereafter mentioned, may be duly obſerved; which ſaid Articles ſhall be agree'd unto, by every member, before he enters himſelf into this ſociety.

II. THAT there ſhall be a box with four locks and four keys for the ſtewards, for the time being; and, if either of them loſe their keys, they ſhall not only provide others, but they ſhall be at the whole and ſole damages which ſhall happen thereby; and, upon their refuſal, they ſhall be excluded the ſociety.

III. THAT once a quarter, at the general meeting-night, the four late ſtewards ſhall chooſe four new ſtewards, as they are now entered in the regiſter-book; and he, who refuſes to ſtand, when ſo choſen, ſhall forfeit *two ſhillings* and *ſix-pence*.

IV. THAT, at the general meeting-night, the four late ſtewards ſhall deliver the box, with the keys, the money, and the books of their accounts of what they have paid, and received, to the new ſtewards, for the uſe of the ſociety; and, if any money falls ſhort, either by fraud, or embezzlements, they ſhall make good all deficiencies, or be excluded.

V. THAT every perſon, before he be admitted a member of this ſociety, ſhall pay *five ſhillings* to the box, and *one ſhilling* to the clerk, at his firſt entrance; which ſociety ſhall conſiſt of no more than persons, and ſhall have no benefit, or relief, therefrom, until he hath been a member two years, and paid his full two years money; but, if in caſe any member ſhould die, before the expiration of two years, he ſhall have the liberty to convert all his monthly-money to whom he may think fit.

VI. THAT the times of meeting ſhall be the firſt Monday in every month, and continue from the hours of ſeven 'till nine, from Lady-Day to Michaelmas, and from ſix to eight, from Michaelmas to Lady-Day, at which time, every member ſhall expend *three-pence*, and put *one ſhilling* into the box; which ſaid money ſhall be collected by the ſtewards, for the relief of ſuch members as ſhall be ſick, lame, or blind: and, if any member do not bring, or ſend, his money due to the box, and ſociety, on a general meeting-night, which ſhall be once in three months from the date hereof, he ſhall be excluded.

VII. THAT,

VII. THAT, if any member ſhould, for the non-payment of his arrears, at a general meeting-night, be excluded; if that member appear in perſon next meeting, upon paying his arrears, and on paying *one ſhilling* for neglect, he ſhall be re-entered in the ſame ſtation he was in before he was excluded, provided he be in perfect health of body and limbs.

VIII. THAT, in caſe any member ſhould fall ſick, lame, or blind, before he is inſtituted, (according to the fifth article) ſuch member ſhall be free'd from all his payments, during his ſickneſs.

IX. THAT, in caſe any member being inſtituted, (according to the fifth article) ſhall fall ſick, lame, or blind, he ſhall give notice to the landlord of the houſe, who is required forthwith to give notice to one, or more, of the ſtewards, then in power, upon their calling at the club-houſe once a week for ſuch intelligence; any ſteward, neglecting to do the ſame, ſhall, for every offence, forfeit *ſix-pence*; and, who, upon receiving ſuch notice, ſhall viſit the ſaid ſick member, provided he be within four miles of the club-houſe, where the ſociety is held, and allow unto him *ſeven ſhillings* ℔ week, until the next monthly-night, when the ſtewards ſhall acquaint the members, then preſent, of his having received ſuch notice; and, alſo, the condition of the ſaid ſick member, that the ſaid members may continue his pay, or, otherwiſe, as the majority, then preſent, ſhall think fit: the landlord, or ſteward, neglecting their duty, as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit, for ſuch neglect, *one ſhilling* to the box.

X. THAT, during ſuch ſickneſs, lameneſs, or blindneſs, he ſhall receive the ſum of *ſeven ſhillings* ℔ week, from the time he ſhall give notice, as above; provided he be not in a condition to work; but, if it be known,

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or proved, that the ſaid member be able, or in a fit condition, to work, or that he doth work without giving notice to the ſtewards, and that he receives the ſociety's money at the ſame time, ſuch member ſhall be excluded.

XI. THAT, if any member, or members, of this ſociety, ſhall be afflicted with any of the before-mentioned diſtempers, and it ſhould end in death, there ſhall be paid, out of the box, the ſum of *three pounds*, for his funeral, and *five pounds* for the widow, heirs, or other friends, to whom it ſhall pleaſe the deceaſed to leave it; provided, to the intent, that the ſaid member be decently buried, that the full and entire ſum of *three pounds* be expended at his burial.

XII. THAT, if any member ſhall lay violent hands on himſelf, or commit any wilful act, with intent to deſtroy himſelf, the ſaid member ſhall be excluded from receiving any benefit from the ſociety, during ſuch his illneſs; and if he ſhould happen to die, by ſuch means, that he ſhall not be buried at the expence of the ſociety; nor ſhall the widow, or any other perſon, receive any allowance, or benefit, therefrom.

XIII. The four ſtewards ſhall attend the funeral of every member, if within four miles of the club-houſe; any member neglecting, ſhall forfeit *one ſhilling* to the box; and *five ſhillings* is allowed for their expences.

XIV. THAT every member, whoſe neceſſary occaſions ſhall oblige him to reſide in the country, giving notice, and there paying, or cauſing to be paid, his eſtabliſhed quota, every three months; the ſaid member, going out of town, in health, if he be taken ſick, or lame, ſhall receive all the benefits therein expreſſed, ſo that the members, or the major part of them

them, be ſatisfied of his condition, which ſhall be communicated to the ſociety, by the abſent member, by a certificate, ſigned by the proper officers, of ſuch his illneſs; if he ſhall continue ſo long, ſuch certificates ſhall be tranſmitted every three months to the clerk, that every member, of this ſociety, may be certified of the condition of the abſent brother; and, that the box ſuffer no damage, each member, for his non-performance of this article, for his offence, to be excluded all the benefits of the box; and, in caſe the ſaid member ſhould die, during his abſence, the money may be tranſmitted for his funeral, and the other to be divided to his aſſignees, as above.

XV. THAT all the ſtewards ſhall viſit every member, once a week, the time he lies a charge to the ſociety; if they neglect ſo doing, for every ſuch default, they ſhall pay *one ſhilling* to the box.

XVI. THAT, in caſe any member be afflicted with the ſmall-pox, any ſteward, for the time being, not having had the ſaid diſtemper, ſhall be excuſed from viſiting the ſaid ſick member, during his illneſs, or paying his forfeit for not attending him; and if the ſaid member ſhould happen to die of the ſaid diſtemper, ſhall be excuſed attending his funeral.

XVII. THAT, if any member, of this ſociety, hath, or ſhall have, the foul diſeaſe, commonly called, the french pox, or ſhall be convicted of felony, he ſhall be excluded.

XVIII. THAT the monies, paid for all fines and forfeitures, ſhall go into the box, for the uſe of the ſociety.

XIX. THAT, if either of the ſtewards neglect being at the place of meeting, at the hours appointed, or within half an hour after, and does not produce his key, he ſhall fine *one ſhilling*.

XX. THAT,

XX. THAT, if either of the ſtewards ſhall be ſick, or lame, ſo that he cannot do his duty to the ſociety, the ſucceeding member, on the regiſter-book, ſhall do the duty, until his recovery, or, by a breach of theſe articles, ſhall be excluded; the ſucceeding member ſhall do his duty, until the general meeting-night; and, on the general meeting-night, ſhall, on his own behalf, be choſen, according to the third article.

XXI. THAT, when the ſtewards ſhall have three times demanded ſilence, each member ſhall be ſilent, that the perſon, then to ſpeak, may be heard, without interruption; every member, upon breach of this article, ſhall forfeit *three-pence.*

XXII. THAT, if any member ſhould be caſt into priſon for debt, or, by any other means, except, in caſes of theft, or any felonious act, the ſaid member ſhall be free'd from all his payments, during his confinement; and, when cleared, ſhall be received into the ſociety, without any coſt, or charge.

XXIII. THAT, after the date hereof, no foreigner, nor any perſon that is, in any ways, defective, in body, or limbs, or that hath any private diſtemper, or that is above the age of thirty-five, ſhall be a member of this ſociety; and, if any perſon does ſo impoſe upon the ſociety, as, to deny his country, conceal his age, or infirmities, upon proof thereof, he ſhall loſe the money he hath put into the box, and be wholly excluded.

XXIV. THAT no perſon, during the time he belongeth to any other ſociety, ſhall have any benefit from this.

XXV. THAT, if any perſon comes drunk into the meeting-room, or, during the hours of meeting, ſhall ſwear, or curſe, or promote gaming, or ſhall lay wagers,

wagers, ſhall challenge to work, or to fight, or to intermeddle with ſtate affairs, or to quarrel about religion, or call any member by any nick, or bye name, or any other than his proper name, or give any ſcurrilous or abuſive language, or create any quarrel, or call the ſteward by any other name than Steward, or Mr. Steward, during the time of their ſtewardſhip, for every ſuch default, he, or they, ſhall forfeit *three-pence* to the box.

XXVI. That, if any member ſhall puſh, or ſtrike, in anger, in the ſaid room, during the hours of meeting, for every ſuch default, he ſhall pay to the box *two ſhillings* and *ſix-pence*.

XXVII. That, if any diſpute, conteſt, or argument, ſhall, at any time, ariſe, concerning the true interpretation of any of the reſt of theſe articles, of theſe, our rules and orders, for the government of this ſociety, or any other thing relating to the good and well governing of this ſociety; the voices of the major part of the number of members, who ſhall meet the next general meeting-night, ſhall be a final determination.

XXVIII. That it is further agree'd, by every member of this ſociety, that the box ſecurity ſhall, in no wiſe, be broken up, nor ſhall the money be ſhared, or divided, ſo long as three members ſhall hold it a ſociety; and every perſon, who does any ways, either in the meeting-room, or out of it, nominate, or propoſe, breaking up the box, or ſociety, or ſharing and dividing the money, when there be more than three members belonging to it, ſhall pay to the box *five ſhillings*.

XXIX. That, if any drink be called for, more than every man's *three-pence*, at any time of meeting, it ſhall be at the charge of the ſtewards.

XXX. THAT, if any member calls for drink, or tobacco, without the ſtewards' leave, he ſhall pay *three-pence*.

XXXI. THAT, if any member brings in a ſtranger into the aforeſaid room, without leave of the ſtewards, he ſhall pay *three-pence*.

XXXII. THAT there be a feaſt once a year, that is to ſay, on the 29th of May, provided it be not Sunday, then Monday following. Dinner to be on table by two o'clock, and every member to pay *two ſhillings* and *ſix-pence* towards the feaſt; and each member, objecting to what ſtewards have provided, ſhall forfeit *two ſhillings* and *ſix-pence*, or be excluded. In addition, it is enacted, that the ſtewards, for the time being, ſhall give in a true account of their ſtewardſhip, and, on neglect of ſo doing, ſhall be obliged to make good all deficiencies, and pay a fine of *ten ſhillings* and *ſix-pence* each, or be excluded.

XXXIII. THAT no members' wives, or any other male, or female friend, or acquaintance, ſhall eat, or drink, of any proviſions, at the ſociety's charge; any member, ſo procuring, ſhall pay to the box *two ſhillings* and *ſix-pence*.

XXXIV. THAT, the day after the feaſt, no male ſtranger ſhall be admitted to breakfaſt with the ſociety, but what ſhall enter himſelf a member, or ſpend *one ſhilling*; any ſtranger ſo refuſing, the member, or members, that introduces him, ſhall pay *one ſhilling*; notwithſtanding, any perſon, that will pay *two ſhillings* and *ſix-pence*, may dine with the ſociety on the feaſt-day, and breakfaſt with them the day after, paying this quota.

XXXV. THAT the ſociety ſhall not be removed from the houſe aforeſaid, without juſt reaſon for ſo doing;

doing; and, that, to be diſcuſſed by a major part of voices, in full or greateſt part of the aſſembly, the maſter of the houſe finding good and ſufficient ſecurity for the money, which is lodged in his houſe.

XXXVI THAT the room, appointed for the ſociety to meet in, ſhall be decently kept in order, and have in it a clock, or an hour-glaſs, by which, the ſociety are to regulate their ſittings; and, in the winter ſeaſon, a good fire, and candles ready lighted, againſt the time appointed. If the houſe admit any meſſenger, ſent to any of the company, or exact upon them, by overcharging the reckoning, ſhall, for an offence of either quality, forfeit *two ſhillings* and *ſix-pence*, beſides the deduction of overcharges.

XXXVII. THAT no perſon may pretend ignorance of the orders of this ſociety; the clerk, by order of the ſtewards, is hereby appointed to read them over, at the admiſſion of any member; as, alſo, on the yearly feaſt, and on every quarterly-night, when the new ſtewards are choſen, in the hearing of the members, then preſent; and the perſon, ſo entering, ſhall then expreſs his, or their conſent, to obſerve inviolably, according to their expreſs tenor; and, upon neglect of this duty of the ſtewards, they ſhall forfeit *ſix-pence*.

XXXVIII. THAT, if any member, or members, ſhall think of any article, that ſhall be for the further good, or advancement, of the ſociety, the ſame being approved of, it ſhall be regiſtered in a book for that purpoſe, and to be ſigned by every member, and ſhall be in as full force as any of theſe articles, and ſhall willingly pay every fine and forfeiture, as they are expreſſed in every particular article, both in the orders and regiſter-book; and, if any member refuſes ſo to do, he ſhall be excluded.

XXXIX. THAT

XXXIX. THAT it is agree'd, by this ſociety, that ſuch perſon, or perſons, members of the ſociety, that ſhall impoſe ſo much on the ſociety as to pay bad money to the collectors, ſhall, for ſuch default, pay as a fine, *five ſhillings* to the cheſt, or be excluded. It is further agree'd, that, if the two under ſtewards, who are always collectors, take bad money, and find not the perſon whom they took it of, they ſhall make it good.

XL. THAT, if the ſtewards, and clerk, at the time of meeting, have not done collecting the money, and ſtating the accounts, before the time is expired, the time ſhall go on, that they may not be interrupted; he, who refuſes, ſhall pay, as a fine, *three-pence*, or be excluded.

XLI. THAT it is firmly agree'd by, and between, the members of the ſaid ſociety, to theſe preſents, that it ſhall not be lawful to, or for any member, or members, of the ſaid ſociety, to aſk, demand, have, take, receive, recall, or withdraw out of the treaſury-box, any ſum, or ſums, of money, at the time of his, or their expulſion, or leaving the ſociety, or at any other time, or upon any pretence whatſoever; and, that the money, contributed by the ſeveral members, both to and for the ſaid reſpective uſes, intents, and purpoſes, as is particularly mentioned as above, ſhall be to the uſe and behoof of the ſociety, and their ſucceſſors, and to be applied, as aforeſaid; any offending, in this particular article, ſhall forfeit to the box *twenty pounds*, and be expelled the ſaid ſociety; and theſe preſents ſhall, and may, be pleaded, as, and for, a general diſcharge, againſt any perſon, or perſons, ſo offending.

XLII. THAT every member, having a wife, on her death, (if it happen, during his belonging to this ſociety, and he is free thereof, according to the fifth article)

article) ſhall receive the ſum of *three pounds*, from the cheſt, towards her funeral; and each member's *ſhilling* to be paid into the box in lieu thereof; but allow for no more than one wife: and, that every ſingle member, and all others, who ſhall die before his ſaid wife, upon his deceaſe, ſhall, towards his funeral, be paid to his wife, friends, or executors, the ſaid ſum of *one ſhilling*, from each member, over and above the ſum of *eight pounds*, allowed by the eleventh article: in the laſt-mentioned caſe, the ſaid ſum of *one ſhilling* ſo to be paid, ſhall, in no caſe, be paid out of the ſtock, or cheſt, of the ſociety: each member, refuſing to pay the ſame, the next quarterly-night, to be excluded.

XLIII. In caſe any member ſhould be impreſſed, or forced into his Majeſty's ſervice, he ſhall be admitted again, on paying *one ſhilling*, provided he returns in perfect health of body and limbs.

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